

# **GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR**

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## **To OBJECT To A Court Petition** (Forms and Instructions)

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### GUARDIANSHIP for a MINOR

#### OBJECTING TO A COURT PETITION ABOUT A GUARDIAN for a MINOR (Forms and Instructions)

##### How to assemble these documents

This packet contains court forms and instructions to object to a court petition about guardianship of a minor. Items listed in **BOLD** are forms to be filled out and filed with the Court. Non-bold items are information or instruction pages. Do not copy or file those pages with the Court. Be sure the documents are in the following order:

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**OBJECTION TO A COURT PETITION REGARDING  
GUARDIANSHIP of a MINOR**

**CHECKLIST**

**Use the forms packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:**

- ✓ You received Court Petition or other papers relating to a guardianship of a minor,  
AND
- ✓ You disagree with the Petition or other papers and want to object to what the  
Petitioner told the Court, or to the contents of other documents filed.

**READ ME:** It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. The Self-Service Center has a list of lawyers who can give you legal advice and can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you want to know more about our list of lawyers and our list of mediators, ask the Self-Service Center staff.

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### HELPFUL INFORMATION: HOW TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO A PETITION ABOUT A GUARDIANSHIP

1. **WHO CAN FILE AN OBJECTION:** Generally, you must have some valid interest in the case to be able to file an OBJECTION TO A PETITION about a guardianship. If you received copies of the court papers from the Petitioner or his/her attorney, you will probably be allowed to file an Objection. The cost to file the Objection with the court is **\$166.00**.
2. **WHEN MUST AN OBJECTION BE FILED:** You must file the Objection no later than **5 (five) days** before the Court hearing is scheduled.
3. **WHO GETS COPIES OF THE OBJECTION:** **Mail or hand-deliver a copy** of your Objection to the Petitioner or his/her attorney, and the office of the Judge who is scheduled to hold the hearing. If you do not copy the Judge's office, the Judge might not get the paperwork on time, and your Objection might not be considered.  
  
You should also **mail or hand-deliver** copies to the Minor who has or will have the guardian and everyone else to whom the petitioner gave notice of the court matter. Ask the Petitioner for the names and address of these people, or go to the Clerk's Office to request the file and look at the copy of the PROOF OF NOTICE filed by the Petitioner that will give you all this information.
4. **WHAT TO SAY IN THE OBJECTION:** Tell the Judge as simply as you can what you object to, and why. Write neatly in **black ink**, and be sure you give enough detail about why you disagree with the Petition.
5. **GOING TO THE HEARING:** If you file the Objection, you should go to the Court hearing to be available to tell the Judge why you disagree with the Petition and to answer any questions the Judge might have. It is up to the Judge to let you testify or not. The Judge will make this decision based upon your relationship with the Minor, the nature of your objections, time available, and other factors.
6. **OTHER HELP:** If you still have questions about this procedure, you can ask a lawyer for legal advice. You can look up a lawyer in the telephone book under "attorneys." Also, the Self-Service Center has a list of lawyers who will help you help yourself. The list shows where the lawyers are located, how much they charge to look over the court papers or answer your questions, and what their experience is. Visit the Self-Service Center to get the names of some of the lawyers on this list.

Name of Person Filing Document: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attorney's Bar Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing ☐ Self or ☐ Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of Guardianship of \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: JG \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a Minor

### OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR, or ☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following statements are made under oath or affirmation. I want to tell the Court the following in response to what is written in the Petition:**

1. **NAME OF DOCUMENT.** The Petition I object to is called: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **HEARING DATE.** The date and time of hearing, and the name of the Judge assigned to this matter is:  
 Date of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Judge or Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **RELATIONSHIP.** My relationship to the person who has/will have the Guardian is:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **REASONS WHY I OBJECT:** What I want the court to do, and what I want to say about the statements made in the Petition: (use additional sheets of paper, if needed):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. **MAILING.** I mailed a copy of this Objection (after it was filled out by me) to the following individuals at the following addresses: the Petitioner or his/her attorney, the person who has or will have a Guardian and everyone to whom Petitioner gave a copy of the Notice of Hearing.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION**

**I swear or affirm that the information on this document is true and correct under penalty of perjury.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sworn to or Affirmed before me this: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk or Notary Public